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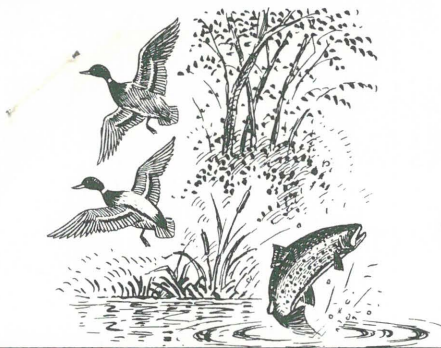
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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CHARLES ALLEN, DIV. A, NORTH WINDHAM, MARCH 2:

WARDEN VERNON WALKER, SPRINGVALE: ONLY FAIR FISHING OVER MOST OF MY DISTRICT. AT SQUARE POND ONE DAY LAST WEEK, 44 FISHERMEN CAUGHT 22 TROUT, THE LARGEST 18" LONG. VERY POOR SALMON FISHING AT MOUSAM LAKE. SMELTS ARE STILL BITING, THOUGH, PROVIDING SOME ACTION. DOGS FAIRLY QUIET. NO HUNTERS.

WARDEN DAVE SPENCER, SO. PARIS: AFTER FISHING THOMPSON LAKE FOR 22 DAYS, WES SPENCER OF OTISFIELD HAS CAUGHT ONE CUSK, ONE LEGAL TOGUE, AND ONE UNDERSIZED TOGUE. THIS IS AN ENDURANCE RECORD, AS SPENCER PUTS IN A FULL DAY WHEN HE FISHES. FISHER ARE VERY PLENTIFUL THROUGHOUT THIS DISTRICT. IN LESS THAN A WEEK, THEY REDUCED A GOOD SIZED DEER, KILLED BY DOGS, TO SKIN AND BONES.

WARDEN GEORGE BRIGGS, NAPLES: DEER NOT MOVING MUCH NOW. NO DOG TROUBLE YET. VERY FEW FISHERMEN EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS. NOT MANY TROUT AND SALMON BEING TAKEN. VERY QUIET.

WARDEN CHARLES LIBBY, WELLS: DOGS STARTING TO GIVE SOME TROUBLE. IT IS STILL HARD GOING FOR LARGE DOGS; THE CRUST ISN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD THEM. IT'S VERY HARD GOING FOR RUNNING DEER. HAD A LARGE BUCK GO INTO AN OLD SAWMILL IN BERWICK LAST WEEK, DRIVEN THERE BY DOGS. THE DEER HAD TO BE DESTROYED.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. C, WATERVILLE, FEB. 23:

WARDEN NORMAN GILBERT, HARTLAND: SEEING VERY FEW DEER IN THE YARDS. THERE ARE PLENTY OF SIGNS BUT THE DEER STAY HIDDEN. VERY LITTLE DOG OR CAT ACTIVITY IN THE YARD AREAS. I HAVE YET TO FIND A DEAD DEER. VERY LITTLE HUNTING OR FISHING ACTIVITY. NO DOG COMPLAINTS TO DATE.

WARDEN MILTON SCRIBNER, UNITY: CAMP ROOFS ARE LOADED WITH SNOW. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF SNOW DAMAGE TO CAMPS THIS WINTER IF THEY ARE NOT TAKEN CARE OF NOW.

WARDEN MELLEN RANDALL, LIVERMORE: INCREASED SNOW ACCUMULATION IS CONFINING FISHERMEN, HUNTERS, AND DEER. REPORTS ARE COMING IN OF DOGS RUNNING ON WARM DAYS.

WARDEN HAROLD TUKEY, BELGRADE LAKES: THERE HAS BEEN THE LEAST FISHING AND HUNTING ACTIVITY THIS WINTER THAT I CAN RECALL. THE OBVIOUS REASON IS THE DEEP SNOW AND BAD WEATHER, ESPECIALLY ON WEEK ENDS. SNOW CONDITIONS HAVE MADE RABBIT HUNTING JUST ABOUT IMPOSSIBLE.

WARDEN LEON GILPATRICK, BELFAST: DOGS ARE STILL GIVING ME TROUBLE IN SEARSPORT AND STOCKTON ALTHOUGH I HAVE NOT SEEN WHERE THE DOGS HAVE KILLED ANY DEER YET. SAW TWO DEER IN STOCKTON TUESDAY NIGHT; HAD ONE KILLED BY A CAR. THERE ARE 13 DEER IN AND AROUND WHERE THEY ARE CUTTING PULP IN STOCKTON. WHEN THE MEN CUT A TREE DOWN AND COME BACK FROM YARDING, THEY FIND IT STRIPPED.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS COOPER, DIV. 1, STOCKHOLM, MARCH 3:

A FEW WEEKS AGO, I SAW THAT SUPERVISOR JACK SHAW HAD FOUND SOME PUSSY WILLOWS, WHICH MUST BE SOME SIGN OF SPRING. I SAW, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 2, ABOUT 20 CHILDREN SHOOTING MARBLES IN THE ST. AGATHA AREA. IF THIS ISN'T A SIGN OF SPRING, TOO, IT AT LEAST MAKES ONE THINK IT IS COMING. WE RECEIVED ONLY A TRACE OF SNOW OVER THE WEEK END.

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OUR 1963 BEAVER TAKE WILL BE THE LOWEST THAT I CAN RECALL. WILLARD JALBERT OF FORT KENT AND ADELBERT ROSSIGNOL OF LIMESTONE BOTH TOOK BEAVER THAT STRETCHED AROUND 85 TO 86 INCHES. THE SLUSH CONDITIONS ARE GREATLY IMPROVED ON OUR LAKES IN THE DIVISION.

WARDEN CHARLES DAVIS, T.11, R.17 STATES: "FEB. 23, I CHECKED A DEER YARD IN A LARGE CEDAR SWAMP ON T.9, R.15, PISCATAQUIS COUNTY. I COUNTED 15 DEER WHICH ALL APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE DESPITE THE DEEP SNOW. APPARENTLY NOT ALL OF OUR DEER ARE DOING AS WELL, THOUGH. THAT SAME DAY, CRUISERS FOR THE OXFORD PAPER CO., ON THE SAME TOWNSHIP, FOUND A SMALL DEER IN THE SNOW, TOO WEAK TO MOVE AND WITH BOTH EARS FROZEN. THEY CARRIED IT OVER TWO MILES TO THE ROAD AND THEN TOOK IT TO A HEATED GARAGE, BUT THE DEER DIED WITHIN AN HOUR."

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, DIV. J, BINGHAM, FEB. 27:

WARDEN CONRAD HUTCHINGS, THE FORKS: ICE CONDITIONS ON INDIAN POND VERY POOR -- LOTS OF SLUSH AND NOT MUCH ICE. THERE IS 2-18" OF LARGELY SNOW-ICE. CAMP ROOFS ARE CARRYING A BURDEN OF FOUR TO SIX FEET OF PACKED SNOW.

WARDEN NORMAN HARRIMAN, ROCKWOOD: I HAD A RELIABLE REPORT THAT A WOMAN ANGLER AT MOOSEHEAD CAUGHT A $4\frac{1}{2}$ LB. CUSK THAT HAD A $14\frac{1}{2}$ INCH TOGUE IN ITS MOUTH; ABOUT THREE INCHES OF THE TOGUE'S TAIL PROTRUDED. FISHING HAS SLOWED TO A STANDSTILL. FISHERMEN AT THE MOUTH OF MOOSE RIVER SHOULD BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS AS TWO OF THE DEEP GATES WERE OPENED AT BRASSUA DAM THIS WEEK. THIS WILL PUT A LARGE VOLUME OF WARM WATER INTO SOME ALREADY POOR ICE. DEER ARE HAVING A ROUGH TIME. MOST OF THEM HAVE BEEN YARDED SINCE DECEMBER, AND FOOD IS GETTING SHORT IN SOME SPOTS. IN ONE YARD IN THE SPENCER LAKE AREA, DEER WERE CLIMBING UP ON LEANING CEDARS, TRYING TO GET FOOD. HIGH WINDS CAN BE A BLESSING IN DISGUISE, AS THEY BLOW OFF EVERGREEN TIPS AND LIMBS FOR DEER TO EAT.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JACK SHAW, DIV. K, STRONG, MARCH 3:

WARDEN INSPECTOR ALANSON NOBLE, DIXFIELD: ON FEB. 22, WHILE ON PATROL ON THE SCOTT PAPER COMPANY ROAD OUT OF EUSTIS, I CAME UPON THREE DEER WHICH STAYED IN THE ROAD AHEAD OF THE CAR FOR ABOUT A MILE, EVIDENTLY HESITANT TO LEAVE THE GOOD TRAVELLING. FINALLY, WHEN BOXED IN BETWEEN MY VEHICLE AND A WOODWORKER LOADING PULP, THEY LEFT THE ROAD. ONCE OVER THE BANK, THEY VIRTUALLY DISAPPEARED, WITH ONLY THE EARS, HEAD, AND UPPER NECK VISIBLE. THERE WAS APPROXIMATELY 41 " OF SNOW, WITH NO BASE AT ALL. DEER IN THE WESTERN AND SOUTHERN PARTS OF THE DIVISION ARE FARING QUITE WELL UNLESS BOTHERED BY DOGS. THIS SITUATION WILL NOT BE SERIOUS UNTIL WE HAVE SOME SETTLING WEATHER.

WARDEN WARREN ADAMS, DIXFIELD: THREE TO FOUR FEET OF SNOW. DEER GETTING ALONG WELL AS LONG AS THEY DON'T HAVE TO JUMP. SEEING MORE PARTRIDGE SIGNS THIS YEAR THAN I DID LAST. CAMP ROOFS LOADED WITH SNOW AND SHOULD BE SHOVELLED. BIG RAIN WOULD BE BAD. GOOD SNOWSHOEING NOW. DOGS OF BEAGLE TYPE COULD RUN DEER NOW BUT I HAVE HAD NO COMPLAINTS. AVERAGE FISHING ACTIVITY AT WORTHLEY POND, PERU.

WARDEN ALDEN KENNETT, BETHEL: WHILE CHECKING A DEER YARD ALONG LARY BROOK IN GILEAD, INSPECTOR NOBLE AND I FOUND THE AVERAGE SNOW DEPTH TO BE ABOUT 37". THE DEER THERE HAD BEEN SPENDING ABOUT ALL THEIR TIME THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS IN EVERGREEN COVER WHERE THE SNOW ISN'T AS DEEP AND THERE IS MORE PROTECTION FROM THE COLD. HARDWOOD SPROUT GROWTH IS GOOD IN THE AREA. SNOWSHOEING IS GREATLY IMPROVED. I BELIEVE THE TWO MILD DAYS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK SETTLED THE SNOW. COLD WEATHER OVER THE HOLIDAY WEEK END SEEMS TO HAVE DISCOURAGED ICE FISHERMEN. SATURDAY WAS THE COLDEST MORNING OF THE YEAR HERE, LOCAL THERMOMETERS REGISTERING BETWEEN -24 AND -34 ABOUT DAYBREAK.

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WARDEN GLENN C. SPEED, WELD: DUE TO COLD WEATHER, THE ICE FISHING HAS DROPPED OFF. THE SNOW IS MAKING IT VERY HARD FOR RABBIT HUNTERS. THE DEER IN THE YARDS ARE FINDING IT QUITE DIFFICULT TO FIND FOOD. I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY DEAD DEER, BUT SOME ARE LOOKING QUITE THIN.